

February 18, 2022

Appropriations Committee
CT General Assembly
210 Capitol Ave
Hartford, CT 06106

Dear Appropriations Committee,

My name is Mia Devin and I live in a residential women's house in Willimantic, CT. Thank you for the opportunity to testify on HB 6439, An Act Concerning the State Budget for the Biennium Ending June Thirtieth, 2023, and Making Appropriations Therefor. **I respectfully request the legislature increase funding by \$461 Million over five years for community nonprofits.**

I believe that more money is needed because there needs to be specific on-call nurse and doctors so that patients will not have to wait a week to make sure their meds are working. I think that there should be food options and more food consistency. More funding could allow a couple of fun days, including more walks, etc. More options would make it easier for me to stay in the program.

I strongly hope that the Appropriations Committee will support the requested \$461 million increase so that our non-profit services can continue to support our community. Without these services, I would be homeless.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mi Devin", written in a cursive style.

Mia Devin